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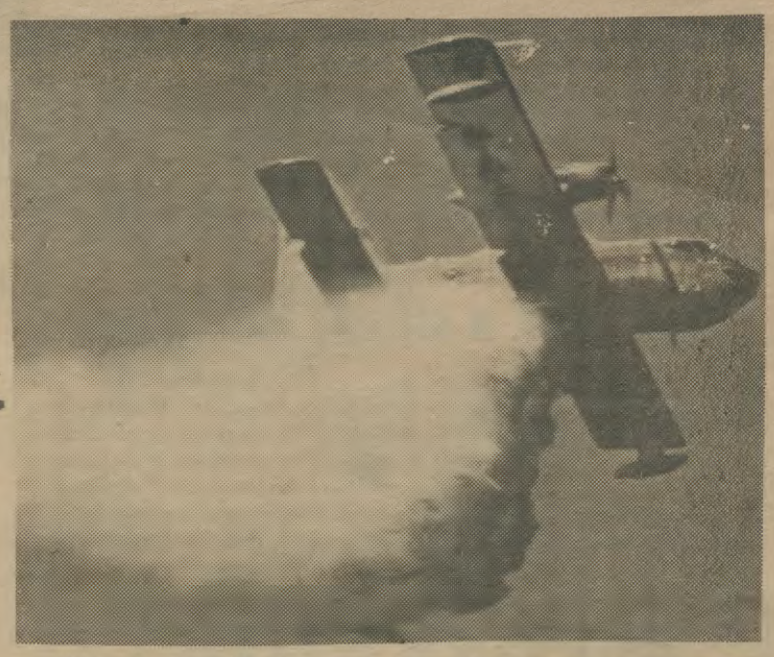

Water Bombers like the one in this action picture haven't been needed in Alberta this year. Only four small forest fires have been reported to date in Crow's Nest Forest, Whitecourt, Lac la Biche and Slave Lake. All on April 28th and all easily brought under control. In 1968 the forest fire situation was entirely different with millions of dollars of damage done to Alberta forests.

High cattle, hog prices brighten farm picture

By T.W. Pue

For the Alberta farmer with plenty of grain in storage (Some of it damp and spoiling) and no money in the bank - the picture is not good. But to that same farmer with pens full of hogs and feeder cattle, heavy demand and high prices can mean prosperity in spite of low grain sales.

Grain delivery quotas at only a few Alberta points are up around 3 to 4 bushels per seeded acre. But grain officials in Edmonton predict a 6 bushel quota will be general by the end of July.

This, however is no help to the grain producer who can't sell his last year's crop because it is damp. Unless he can get it dried and convert it into pork or beef on the hoof.

This week there has been an active movement of Alberta No. 2 wheat and No. 1 and No. 2 feed barley to the west coast. With more overseas shipments underway the quota restrictions should be eased somewhat to afford more farmer deliveries to country elevators.

Notley says-pay cash to destitute farmers

— Grant Notley, Alberta New Democratic Party leader, said the provincial government should make direct cash payments to farmers in the St. Paul-Ashmont area, 100 miles northeast of Edmonton; the federal government should step in and help the farmers in the area but since it isn't likely to, it will be up to the provincial government.

Notley said the area's farmers earn less than half the average farm income in Alberta —$2,700 as against $5,500 The Provincial government should step in immediately and as a short-term solution make cash payments to each of them to bring their income up to the $3,000 level.

He said the $3,000 level would be the yearly amount the farmers would receive if they stopped producing and simply went on provincial welfare.

New grain quotas

WINNIPEG —The Canadian Wheat Board has authorized new delivery quotas for 40 prairie points.

Effective April 28, were four bushels a specified acre at five Alberta points; three bushels at 11 Saskatchewan and four Manitoba points; and two bushels at one Saskatchewan and one Manitoba point.

Delivery quotas effective May 5 are four bushels at three Saskatchewan and three Manitoba points; three bushels at one Alberta, three Saskatchewan and two Manitoba points; two bushels at two Saskatchewan and one Manitoba points and one bushel at three Manitoba points.

Holiday plans mushroom

The Canadian North offers unique wilderness vacation destinations, Ann Rhodes reports in Summer Holiday. At Churchill, she says, you can hunt 1,000-lb. whales in the shadow of a 5-million-bushel grain elevator. The biggest lure of Saskatchewan's far north is for fishermen. La Ronge, 170-miles north of Prince Albert, is the jumping-off point for some of the world's finest fishing: Arctic grayling is the prize. Away north of the Peace River country, the South Nahanni River Valley of the Northwest Territories is viewed with awe by some. Few men return alive, legend runs. (More have returned safe and sound then legend allows). Or you might consider a summer vacation in the Caribbean, when hotel rates run 20% to 40% less than in winter./

This mother sow is helping out in the dollars and cents end of farming. Heavy carry-overs of damp grain if salvaged for feed can return a profit to the producer. Hog prices are up 1/6th over corresponding 1968 market prices. Average for Grade A dressed hog on the Edmonton market last month was $27.20 to $28. compared with $23.83 in April 1968

Drilling begins in Canada's arctic

The Honourable Jean Chrétien, minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, announced on April 21st that a deep exploratory well has started to test for oil in Canada's Arctic Islands. The minister said that Panarctic Drake Point L-67 "spudded in" on Saturday, April 19, on Melville Island. The well which will reach a depth of 10,000 feet is located about 1,500 miles north of Edmonton and 1,000 from the Pole.

The well is the first of more than 15 which will be drilled during the next three years on the Arctic Islands by Panarctic Oils Ltd., a firm in which the federal governments holds a 45 per cent equity interest.

The minister of northern development said he was pleased that His Excellency, Roland Michener, visited the Drake Point well on April 26th, where he met four Eskimo youths employed at the well as derrick floor hands. Several Indian youths are employed with the seismic exploration crews now working on Lougheed Island approximately 70 miles northeast of the wellsite.

In announcing the beginning of drilling at Drake Point, Mr. Chrétien cautioned that oil discoveries should not necessarily be expected in these initial programs, but added that oil would be discovered eventually. He said that active exploration of oil and gas lands in the Arctic Islands, in addition to extensive activities by other government agencies, demonstrate effective occupation and ensure Canada's sovereignty over this northern region.

Crown land rentals raised

Shortly before proroguing the 1969 session of the Alberta Legislature, the opposition got some unexpected support from government members. It unsuccessfully tried to stall increases in lease rentals on Crown Lands. Four Social Credit members joined the fight with 10 opposition members in a still-unequal contest. The motion to increase crown land rentals was passed.

Keith French (SC - Hand Hills Acadia), Roy Ells (SC-Grouard) Neville Roper (SC-Ponoka) and Ernest Lee (SC-Dunvegan) voted against the government.

Attorney-General Edgar Gerhart has told the House a full study of municipal taxation will be carried out this year.

Agriculture Minister Henry Ruste said the principle behind the move is to place leased land on the same basis as deeded land and that such new, revised assessments were tied to the price of cattle.

Medicare rate: $120 a family

EDMONTON — Alberta families will pay an annual premium of about $120 for medicare.

Health Minister Dr. J. Donovan Ross said in an interview Monday that the province was likely to follow medicare premium structures similar to those prevailing in Manitoba and B.C.

"It is our belief that the two-level structure for single individuals and couples or families would be the most acceptable one," Ross said.

"When we try and strike a rate for those two levels it is our belief, we should pretty well be the same as B.C. or Manitoba since the benefits will be practically the same, namely the insured services, plus certain other basic benefits."

"These are approximately $60 single, and $120 for a couple or family, per year."

He said this would bring quarterly premiums to $15 and $30 for a three-month period, or $5 and $10 a month which is a "very good buy for the kind of benefits which they will be insuring for."

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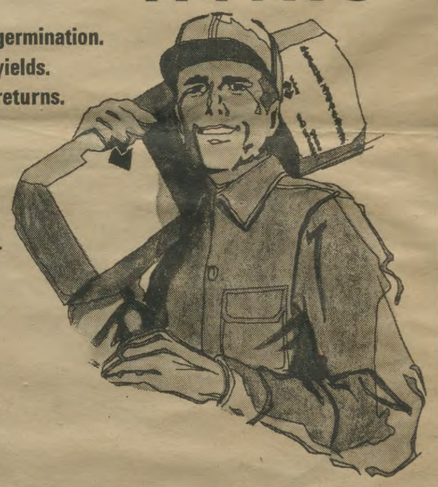

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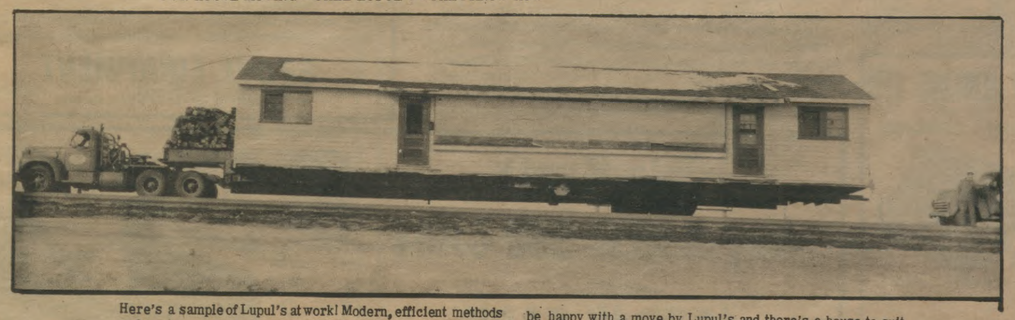

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In their brief to the Alberta Government on Medicare spokesmen have taken an unjustified swat at another healing profession - chiropractors. Professional ethics are out the window when it comes to criticism of this group which they have labelled a "cult". Usually this derisive term is kept in reserve for criticism of small religious groups. It generally means a small group holding to a profession or belief that one does not believe in himself.

The people of Alberta, however, are not going to take the medical doctors word for it. They have their own ideas about chiropractors. Thousands have reported, year in and year out, relief from pain and physical ailment through the administration of doctors of chiropractic.

This being the case, the Alberta Medicare scheme should ignore that part of the doctors' brief that urges chiropractors be excluded from Medicare. A patient who gets benefit from a visit to the chiropractor should not have to pay the bill anymore than one who gets relief from a dentist or psychiatrist.

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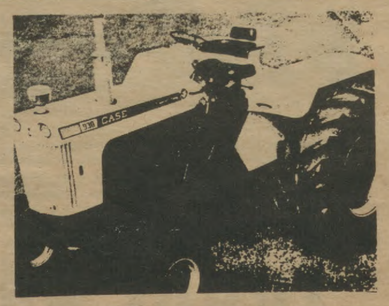

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The new downtown bureau will be located on the lower mall of the nearly completed Oxford Towner Complex at Jasper Avenue and 100th Street and will open in October. It will be the focal point of ticket sales for all events taking place at the exhibition grounds, as well as handling ticket sales for many other events held elsewhere in the city.

Initial satellite ticket operations linked to the ticket central will be located in all Woodward's stores in the city. Woodward's new Southgate store will be added upon completion in 1970 to provide convenient ticket buying for citizens on the south side of the city. Additional satellite ticket operations may be added after the ticket central gets into operation.

The new ticket sales operation will go into full effect in October of this year but some of the satellite operations may get trial runs for some events prior to that time. Klondike Days will probably be one of the events.

Tickets will be available for all exhibition events at the credit offices of all Edmonton Woodwards stores. As an added convenience Woodward's credit card holders will be able to charge the cost of tickets to their account or pay in cash. It is expected that this service will go into full effect sometime in October, 1969.

One feature of the system is that ticket buyers using satellite bureaus will have as equal an opportunity to purchase the best tickets available for any performance as persons buying tickets at the central bureau.

Tickets and services provided through the exhibition's present ticket operations include the Rodeo of Champions, Ice Capades, Oil Kings and Monarchs Hockey games, bingos, all Klondike Days shows, racing passes, Shrine Circus, Canadian Derby, Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus, Moscow Circus, City of Edmonton bus passes and Klondike Dollars.

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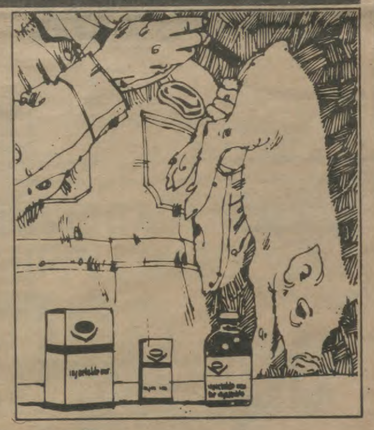

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Survey started on TV radiation

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Mr. Munro stated his belief that color television receivers currently being produced or imported into Canada have been designed to meet the recognized standard with respect to the acceptable radiation level. He also noted recent reports from the United States that some sets examined during use show radiation emission in excess of the permissible standard.

The department of national health and welfare will survey a sampling of privately owned TV color sets.

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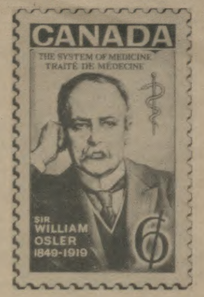
Osler on new stamp

Sir William Osler, Bart., M.D., a native of Bond Head, Ontario, who achieved world recognition as a medical teacher and as one of the finest diagnosticians of his day, will be commemorated on a 6¢ Canada Post Office stamp to be issued on June 23rd.

The new stamp, marks the 50th anniversary of the year in which Osler died. His commemoration coincides with a world meeting of nurses at the XIV Quadrennial Congress of the International Council of Nurses to be held in Montreal where he took his M.D. at McGill in 1872.

The son of a pioneer missionary at Bond Head, William Osler enrolled at Trinity College, Toronto, with a short-lived purpose of entering the ministry. He transferred to the Toronto Medical School and later he studied at McGill where he took his M.D. Returning in 1874 from a study of advanced medical practices in London, Berlin and Vienna, he established himself in private medical practice for a short period at Dundas, Ontario. An offer of an appointment as lecturer on physiology and pathology in McGill was promptly accepted and, at the age of 25, he was named a full professor at the same institution. It is said that Osler, looking back during a long medical teaching career, was fond of pointing out the initial entry in his private practice account book: "Speck in cornea - - - 50¢."



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